Delhi. To check the nefarious activities of touts outside the Registration offices of the Transport Department, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has written to the Local Police, Anti Corruption Department and Local bodies including NDMC to take effective steps against these undesirable elements. From 1-1-1990 to July, 1993, the Local Police have registered a total number of 29 cases against the unscrupulous characters and touts involving 93 persons at Tilak Marg Office. The officers of the Transport Department are also making rounds to check the nefarious activities of touts. Necessary instructions have been issued to the staff members by the Department not to entertain any outsider except genuine persons.

The grant/renewal of driving licences is made when an individual person fulfils the requirements under the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act and Rules framed thereunder. In general the visiting public are promptly being attended to.

Road Transport to All States from Delhi

4145. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government propose to evolve a system of road transport to all States from Delhi as it will strengthen the bonds of national integration;

(b) if so, what are the plans present and future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Transport Authorities of the States are empowered as per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act and the Rules made thereunder to issue permits for operation of vehicles connecting various States in the country.

As per Section 88, sub-section (9) of the Motor Vehicles Act the State Transport Authorities can grant permits in respect of tourist vehicles valid for the whole of India or such contiguous States not less than three States including the State in which the permit is issued.

For the purpose of encouraging long distance inter-State Road Transport State Transport Authorities are also empowered as per sub-section 12 of Section 88 of the Motor Vehicles Act to grant National Permits in respect of goods carriages. National Permits are issued to goods carriages to operate throughout the territory of India or such contiguous States not being less than 4 in number including the State in which the permit is issued.

Private Sector Participation for Maintenance of National Highways

4146. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to invite the Private Sector in construction, maintenance and operation of fee based facilities on National Highways on "build, operate and transfer" (BOT) basis;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the areas to be covered; and

(d) how Government propose to implement the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government has been contemplating to involve Private Sector including NRIs in construction, maintenance and operation of fee-based facilities on National Highways. Pending finalisation of the decision in this context, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has recently been signed amongst the Government of India, State Government of Maharashtra and Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) for taking up Panvel Bypass on N. H. No. 4 in Maharashtra on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis.

India's Overseas Trade

4147. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the share of Indian and Foreign Shipping Lines in the total volume of India's Overseas Trade in 1991-92;

(b) what is the share of Indian tonnage in the total world tonnage; and